

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Abstract

A sustained-release pharmaceutical composition in a form of an orally deliverable tablet ~~comprises an active pharmaceutical agent having solubility not less than about 10mg/ml~~ containing reboxetine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, dispersed in a matrix ~~comprising~~ containing a hydrophilic polymer and a starch having, wherein the starch has a tensile strength of at least ~~about~~ 0.15 kN cm⁻² at a solid fraction ~~representative of the tablet~~ of 0.75 to 0.85.